

Application Information

Locations

- You may apply
  - At any authorized license agent
  - At DNR Operations Service Centers
  - Online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

Requirements

- Only eligible Michigan residents may apply for an elk hunting license. This includes qualified military personnel and full-time students attending a Michigan college or university who reside in the state during the school year (per MCL 324.43506).
- It costs \$4 to apply.
- To apply, you will need one of the following forms of identification:
  - Valid Michigan driver license
  - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
  - DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or DNR Web site)
- It is critical that you keep your mailing address up to date with the Secretary of State.
- You must be at least 12 years old by August 25 to apply.

Applicant Responsibilities

- When you apply, you are responsible for:
  - Submitting a single application. Applicants who apply more than once or falsify information will be ineligible for the drawing.
  - Checking that your information was correctly entered by the agent. An incorrect customer ID or birth date will cause you to become ineligible for a license.
  - Ensuring that you receive a DNR receipt. The DNR receipt clearly states your customer ID. **(Do Not Accept a DNR Receipt That Is Not Legible.)**
  - Retaining your DNR receipt as proof that you applied.

**IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to check your application receipt for accuracy.**

Successful Applicants

- If you are selected in the drawing, you will receive a notification announcement by August 8, if there is a valid mailing address. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.
- You must purchase your elk hunting license authorization (license no. 171) prior to the mandatory elk hunt orientation class. The cost of this license is \$100 and may be purchased from any license agent or online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).
- Successful applicants will be notified of the type of license they will be issued, their assigned hunt period, and elk management unit before they must purchase a license.
- The type of license, hunt period or elk management unit assigned cannot be changed.
- All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license.
- Make sure the information on your license is accurate.
- Licenses may not be altered or transferred.

Worksheet

The license agent will ask for the following information when applying:

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| 1. Michigan resident?   | If no, you are not eligible to apply  |
| 2. Your birth date?   | __ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __   |
| 3. Customer ID number?  | Michigan Driver License, state of Michigan ID Card or DNR Sportcard   |
| 4. Item type?   | 170 - Elk Resident Application  |
| 5. The DNR issues two types of elk hunting licenses:                                |   |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any Elk - valid for taking either a bull elk or an antlerless elk.</li><li>Antlerless-Only - valid for taking an antlerless elk only.</li></ul> |
| Based on your hunting preferences, select ONE of the following on your application: |   |
| __ Bull Only  | Eligible for an <b>Any-Elk</b> license only   |
| __ Antlerless <b>OR</b> Bull  | Eligible for an <b>Antlerless-Only OR Any-Elk</b> license   |
| __ Chance Only  | Do not wish to hunt this year but would like to purchase a chance toward future drawings  |

Important:

- An application for an elk license is an application for all seasons. You cannot select the season or elk management unit you may wish to apply for.
- You may not apply for an elk license and purchase a “chance only” in the same year.

Ineligibility Periods for Elk License Recipients

Persons who are issued an elk license are subject to an ineligibility period for future elk drawings.

- A person issued an Antlerless-only Elk license is ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase an elk license for 10 years. For example, those issued an Antlerless-only license in 2006 are ineligible from 2007 through 2016.
- A person issued an Any Elk license, which allows the taking of a bull elk, is ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase a future elk license for the remainder of his or her life.
- Ineligibility rules were changed in 2004. A person issued an Any Elk license prior to 2004 is ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase an elk license for 10 years.

Mandatory Elk Hunt Orientation

Successful applicants must attend a half-day training session near the elk hunt area on the day before their scheduled hunt. The location of the sessions will be provided to successful applicants.

The training session will cover hunter safety, elk behavior, marksmanship, carcass handling, hunting rules and regulations, hunting tips and recommended hunt locations. Following the session, hunters will be issued their licenses, along with materials and information to help their efforts afield. Expect elk hunting to be challenging. Preseason scouting is important.

**Note: Begining in 2008, the elk and bear application period will be May 1-June 1.**

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[www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

Violations (RAP): 800-292-7800

The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga  
427 US-41 North  
Baraga, MI 49908  
906-353-6651

Bay City  
503 N. Euclid Ave., Suite 1  
Bay City, MI 48706  
989-684-9141

Cadillac  
8015 Mackinaw Trail  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-775-9727

Gaylord  
1732 W. M-32  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
989-732-3541

Southfield  
26000 W. Eight Mile Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48034  
248-359-9040

Marquette  
1990 US-41 South  
Marquette, MI 49855  
906-228-6561

Newberry  
5100 M-123  
Newberry, MI 49868  
906-293-5131

Plainwell  
621 N. 10th St.  
Plainwell, MI 49080  
269-685-6851

Roscommon  
1-75 & M-18 South  
8717 N. Roscommon Rd.  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
989-275-5151  
Rose Lake\*  
8562 E. Stoll Rd.  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
517-641-4903

\*This is a field office



The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

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Important Reminders

- An application for an elk license is an application for all seasons.
- The drawing is a random weighted lottery.
- You may not apply for an elk license and purchase a “chance only” in the same year.
- The elk application period will be earlier beginning in 2008.



Weighted Lottery for Elk Hunting Licenses

Hunters are selected for a Michigan elk hunting license using a random weighted lottery system. In this system, hunters receive one additional “chance” in future drawings each year they apply for an elk license and are unsuccessful in the drawing, starting with 2003 applications.

The following chart shows the number of chances a 2007 applicant will have in the drawing, depending on their application history:

2007 Application	Applied in 2006	Applied in 2005	Applied in 2004	Applied in 2003	Total chances in 2007 drawing
1 chance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5
1 chance	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	4
1 chance	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	4
1 chance	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	4
1 chance	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	4
1 chance	Yes	Yes	No	No	3
1 chance	Yes	No	Yes	No	3
1 chance	No	Yes	No	Yes	3
1 chance	No	No	Yes	Yes	3
1 chance	No	No	No	Yes	2
1 chance	No	No	Yes	No	2
1 chance	No	Yes	No	No	2
1 chance	Yes	No	No	No	2
1 chance	No	No	No	No	1

Applicants have the option to purchase a “chance only” instead of applying for a license. You may not apply for an elk license and purchase a chance only in the same year. **A person may accumulate only one chance per year.**

A weighted lottery provides some advantage to those individuals that are persistent in applying, while still providing an opportunity to all applicants, even those who are applying for the first time. It is possible for first-time applicants to be successful in any drawing. **In addition, there is no guarantee of being drawn in a weighted lottery regardless of the number of chances accumulated.**

The chance standing of any applicant who is successful in the elk drawing will return to zero chances after the drawing.

Persons who fail to apply, or are ineligible to apply, for an elk license for three consecutive years will lose their accumulated chances.

**Chances are tracked using your customer ID (driver license or DNR sportcard).** Chances cannot be transferred to or combined with another person’s chances. Applicants may check their total chances at [www.mdnr-elicense.com](http://www.mdnr-elicense.com).

**Note: If you are using a new ID to apply this year, call 517-373-1263 to move your previous chances to your new ID. Any previous chances not moved to your new ID by July 15 will not be considered in the drawing.**

**IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to check your application receipt for accuracy.**

2007 Hunter Quotas

Final quotas were established after this guide was printed. The number of licenses issued in 2007 will be similar to the number issued in 2006, with the harvest quota established to take approximately 70 percent antlerless elk and 30 percent bulls. **Note: Hunters who participate in the early season may have lower hunting success than hunters who participate in the December season.**

Open Seasons

Hunt Period 1: August 25-29 AND September 15-18 on both public and private lands in elk management unit “L.”

Hunt Period 2: December 11-18 on both public and private lands in Montmorency, Otsego, Cheboygan, Charlevoix, Emmet, Alpena, Antrim, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties. See the map below right for specific management units.

Hunt Period 3: This hunt would be held January 16-20, 2008, only in elk management units where additional harvest is necessary to achieve population management goals.

Elk License Opportunity for Youth and Hunters with an Advanced Illness

- Individuals who are successful in the elk license drawing may transfer their drawing success to an unsuccessful youth applicant, or to a person with an advanced illness.\*
- Successful applicants who wish to transfer their drawing success must submit a transfer request form at least two weeks prior to the hunt. Forms are available at [www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings).
  - Youth hunters age 12-16 are eligible to receive a transfer if they were unsuccessful applicants in the current year’s drawing.
  - Individuals with an advanced illness must complete the Physician Certification of Advanced Illness form to certify their eligibility for a transfer. The form is available at [www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings).
  - Successful applicants may transfer their drawing success to a specific individual, or may donate their hunt to individuals on the DNR transfer waiting list. A donated hunt will be processed only if an eligible recipient is available to accept the particular hunt that has been donated. Those interested in receiving a donated hunt must register online at [www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings) by July 15.
  - Elk chances will be reset to zero for the transfer recipient and for the successful applicant donating the hunt. Upon purchase of the hunting license, the recipient will be ineligible for a future elk license per the timeframes noted in this guide. The donor’s eligibility for future elk drawings will be retained.
  - It is unlawful to transfer drawing success for a fee, or transfer drawing success and then guide that person for a fee.

*\*Advanced Illness is a medical condition that must be diagnosed and certified by a physician. Advanced Illness is defined by the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978 [MCL 333.5653]. See [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov)*

Bovine Tuberculosis and Michigan’s Elk

Like white-tailed deer, elk are susceptible to bovine tuberculosis (TB). Because the elk range lies within an area shared by TB-infected deer, the risk of transmission to elk is very real. Research and experience with elk and red deer in other countries suggests that should TB become established in Michigan’s elk herd, it could spread more rapidly than it has in deer. Since May 1996, 1,516 elk have been tested for TB; in both 2000 and 2001, one elk tested positive for TB. Two tested positive in 2003 and one tested positive in 2006. Four of the five positive elk were from Montmorency County and one from Presque Isle County. Because elk and deer normally avoid each other in the wild, available evidence suggests these elk probably were infected from feeding at man-made feed sites or bait piles intended for, and contaminated by, free-ranging deer. Testing of elk for TB is mandatory, and all successful hunters must turn in the head of their elk for testing. For more information about TB in elk and for checking the bovine TB and CWD laboratory results of your harvested elk go to [www.michigan.gov/bovinetb](http://www.michigan.gov/bovinetb)

**Drawing results will be posted July 27 at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) For application assistance, call 517-373-1263**

